

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4805**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Delegate Pinson

[Introduced January 26, 2026; referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Public Works]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,  
2 designated §17C-4-18, relating to providing for environmental cleanup for motor vehicle  
3 crashes.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 4. ACCIDENTS.**

**§17C-4-18. Environmental cleanup for crashes.**

1 (a) In the event of a motor vehicle crash, or any other environmental hazard, any first  
2 responder who arrives on the scene may notify the public safety answering point (PAP) and  
3 request a West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") approved,  
4 environmental cleanup company to respond to the scene, in the event of hazardous materials  
5 being released into the environment.

6 (b) Should a first responder contact a DEP approved, environmental cleanup company  
7 through the provision set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the DEP shall ensure the  
8 containment, cleanup, and reclamation takes place in a timely and satisfactory manner.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for environmental cleanup for motor vehicle crashes.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.